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THE HEROIN TREADMILL

(Editor's Note: You remember that in Part One of Jim's story he described his journey from pot to glue to acid. This week, Jim talks about heroin).

By Marilyn Lowe

"Oh, before I went to prison, I tried heroin, but only once," recalled Jim. "I vowed I would never take it, but it was the best high I ever experienced. It was like a total escape from reality; I wasn't ready for it."

Shortly thereafter, Jim found a job as a gardener at the Highlands Inn at Carmel. He bought himself a new 1969 Volkswagen, and was now supporting his \$30-a-night heroin habit. "That was when I got really addictive to heroin. It is terrible; I hated heroin!"

Walden House

Ultimately, Jim's probation officer knew Jim was shooting heroin. "The U.S. marshals were waiting for me; I was driving my parents crazy. I thought for sure I was going to prison for two to five years. But fortunately, my probation officer found a rehabilitation center called the Walden House in San Francisco for me. I stayed there for ten months; it was a live-in facility for males and females who were ex-convicts or ex-drug users."

While at the Walden House, group therapy was practiced. Everybody lived together as a family—as "brothers" and "sis-

Bach to San Juan

Chorus + Mission = Joyeux Noel

An unbeatable expression of the spirit of the season will be offered to us Sunday night when the Hartnell College Community Chorus presents its annual Christmas concert at Mission San Juan Bautista.

Scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., the program will feature J. S. Bach's Magnificat in D Major and Leonardo Leo's Mass in F Major.

Students, community members and special soloists will make up the chorus and orchestra directed by Dr. Vahe Aslanian.

Spectators from past concerts can describe the atmosphere of hushed pleasure the masterful music echoes along the walls of the primitive yet beautiful old mission.

The Bach work was first presented on Christmas eve in the 18th century. Leo's work was "discovered" by Dr. Aslanian while researching in an Italian library.

ters." But for Jim, group therapy did not help at all. "I got high on weed once a week, and I even met a girl I liked. She had been an ex-heroin addict for six years. She got pregnant, and so we went to Monterey."

At that time, Jim was only 19; the girl was 24.

Gets Job As Gardener-Janitor

"I got myself a job as a gardener and janitor at the Holiday Inn in Monterey. I had a house, lots of cats, and for one whole month I was happy! My wife and I smoked only a joint or two of weed a night. I was really getting it together."

Then Jim's friends came along. Jim was now supporting his \$40-a-day habit. Even his wife, who was seven months pregnant at the time, shot heroin extensively.

Eventually, Jim discovered his wife was "copping out on him." She had another boyfriend. "I kicked her out; I knew our marriage wouldn't work out," exclaimed Jim, whose marriage lasted only six months.

At this stage of the game, Jim was a complete "mess." His rent was past due; his house had no electricity, no gas, and no food. "I was in a state of depression; I hated everyone in this stinking world!"

Lives With Drug Dealer

Finally, Jim went to a friend's house. "He was one of the biggest drug dealers in Monterey County," declared Jim. "He was pushing marijuana, acid, heroin, cocaine, everything. He liked me, so I stayed in his pad."

"After living three months with the drug dealer, the cops came kicking down the door. They had a warrant for our arrest, and I went to jail. But this time my mother bailed me out; my dad was in Vietnam," said Jim, relieved.

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■ **MIDAS HAD HIS LIGHTER MOMENTS**—Here the golden king plays a game with the children to set a happy mood in the Children's Theatre production which opened Thursday night. The king (played by Gary Fleming), is surrounded by Wayne Casey (Hotep), Robin

Libbee (Alcina), Debby Hendricks (Perdixia) and Tahni Stefani (Princess Tyra). Jaci Adams acts as a marble statue in the background. The play will repeat Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30.

Review: Children's Theatre Opens Last Night

Too Much Gold Can Be A Drag

By L. J. Severson

Last night the Hartnell College Community Playhouse opened King Midas and the Golden Touch, the college's annual children's production. It is light (like cotton candy), fast (like a roller coaster) and a completely delightful production.

The settings and general direction seem to be quite strong. Director Hal Ulrici has maintained his tempo without excessive or unnecessary movement. The blocking flows smoothly and logically, climaxes are clear and accurate, de-

nouements well-timed and effective.

But it is the highly capable cast that makes the show as much fun as it is.

Although slightly awkward and stilted in the early moments, Gary Fleming is excellent as Midas. His lines are incredible—as in most children's theatre—but he uses them to create a King Midas who seems to have stepped from the pages of a fairy tale.

In the role of Princess Tyra, Midas' golden daughter, Tahni Stefani, is the essence of sweetness, purity, innocence, and all the other goodies that a prin-

cess should be. Her movements, gestures and especially her vocal interpretations are all well used in creating her character. Unfortunately, her acting is slightly marred by a tendency toward a somewhat shrill voice, but this only appears rarely.

The supporting cast was varied. Robin Libbee and Debby Hendricks were most enjoyable, while Tony Acierio and Wayne Casey tended toward hyperbole. Robin and Debby portray two young friends of the Princess. They exaggerate their gestures and expressions as they should but keep it well under control. However, Wayne and Tony, cast as the King's page and dresser tend to lose control of the comic effects and are, at times, somewhat overdone. They manage to avoid the grotesque, but need to clarify their movements and speeches. Tony is especially weak in his diction. However, this is not so marked as to destroy the comic effect.

The play's antagonist is Lady Marsya, the haughty mistress of ceremony, played by Mary Firth. Mary filled her role perfectly, always presenting the solemnity needed to balance the comedy of the other characters.

Unfortunately, the technical aspect of the show was not as excellent as the acting. The set changes were slow, noisy and sloppy. The lights were well planned, but the changes too often and abrupt. The sound for this show presents a problem. The cues are frequent and often follow within seconds of each other. In general, Peggy Casey did a fine job. However, the music tended to excessive volume. In one of the dance sequences, the music was actually distorted.

In sum, King Midas is a fun show. Although slightly flawed, a delightful bit of Christmas fluff. I recommend it heartily. The show will repeat tonight and tomorrow at 7:30. Tickets are available at the door.

Mecha Plans Food Drive

MECHA on campus will collect food for needy families today and tomorrow to help bring joy to the Christmas season.

According to MECHA representative Jacinto Gardea, "The drive is an extension of a county-wide effort by MAPA — an effort to provide some food to needy families."

In past years several schools have collected food for Christmas and the collection was turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution. Any "surplus" food was sent to the Army's San Jose office for distribution there.

"This year," Gardea said, "the idea is to collect the food ourselves and distribute it ourselves among needy members of our community. We learned that a large percentage of families acting through a phenomenon called pride do not ask the Salvation Army for the food."

MECHA has accepted the responsibility for collecting in this area. "But our eagerness alone will not make any families happy," Gardea stated. "We need student body help to put food into the right homes."

Collecting center will be in the student lounge.



■ **GIFT FOR GOOD . . . or will the results prove disastrous?** Upon receiving his magical power, King Midas (Gary Fleming) praises the gift from Cybele, the marble statue (it's really Jaci Adams). The adventures of "King Midas and the Golden Touch" will be presented as Children's Theatre tonight and tomorrow at 7:30. Your young brothers, nieces, cousins will love you for taking them.



LE JOCK

By Rube Salgado

Alton Gerard, Hartnell's answer to New York's Broadway Joe, has made the All-American status finally. He did it by being the Number One rusher in the state with a total of 1455 yards.

Gerard—Mr. from now on—also led the state in total scoring with 116 points. Mr. Gerard was in fact super as he zipped and dodged through the Hartnell offensive line for yardage during the season.

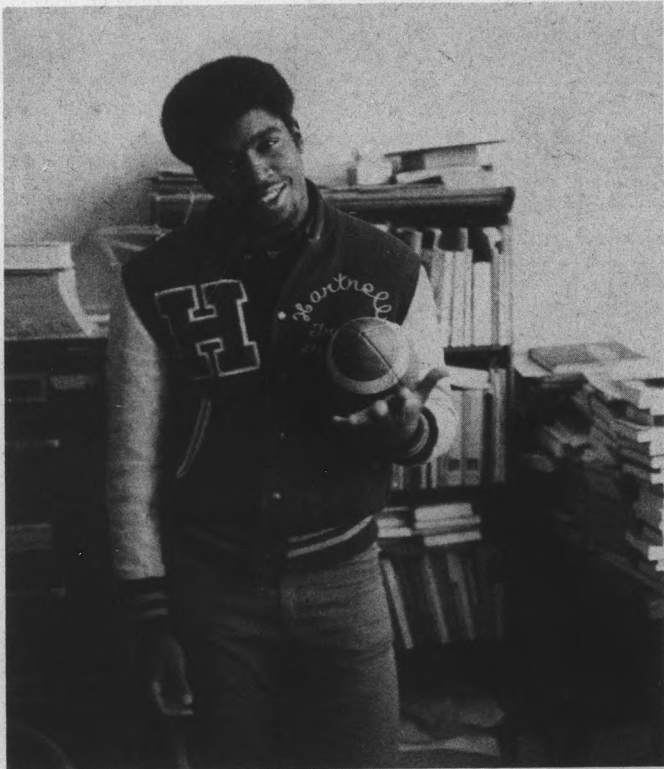
Mr. Gerard has several other honors to his credit. He was named to the All-State team, the All-Conference team, and several school records.

His efforts toppled the mark

of Rocky Thompson, most yardage in one single season. For some of you youngsters who weren't around, Rocky Thompson was the best until now. He went on to play (is now playing) with the New York Giants of the National Football league.

Mr. Gerard had a total of 1638 yards for the whole year. This includes the playoff games.

A drafting major, he has had several tempting offers from several schools around the area and from out of state. He has not made up his mind where he will travel to next year. Where ever he goes, I'm sure we here will hear about his exploits.



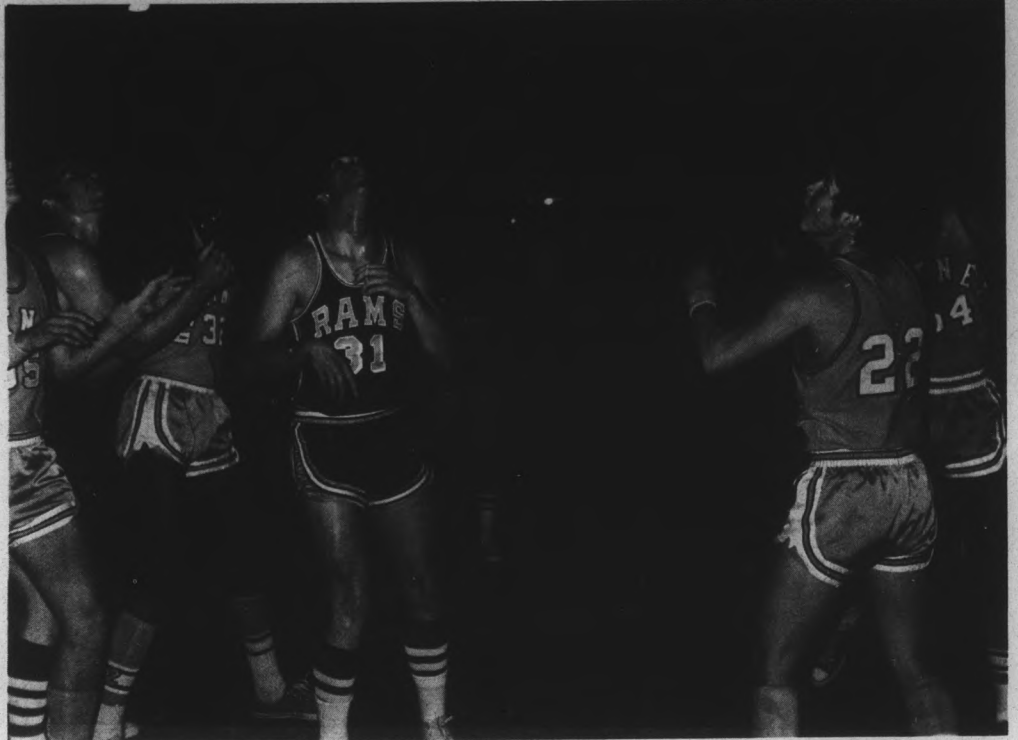
Sluggers Meet, Schedules Set

The first baseball meeting was held on December 13 in the Men's Gym. Coach Tony Teresa welcomed returning lettermen and also new players from the area high schools. A short meeting was held in which Coach Teresa discussed work-outs for pitchers and stressed a strong idea of coming out to work — hard.

This year's Panther baseball team has the big problem of having enough pitchers who can pitch in college ball. It is hoped that last year's pitchers along with some promising freshmen can rise to the challenge. All in all, this year's baseball team has a long, hard road ahead of it and only time knows the final results.

The violent air of my thoughts, have created a storm; which is destroying the false norms of truth. Leaving the foundations that reveal reality.

—Francisco Santana.



■ SOMETHING IN THE AIR — holds the attention of court men during a typical scene in the local gym recently. In this game against Victor Valley College a majority of the Panther squad gazes skyward — Mike Steinbach (al-

most hidden at left), Gerry Haggins (No. 32), Glen Stonebarger (22), and Dave McCaine (54). Missing from the photo is Reggie Holmes or Sam Singley, both normal starters. Hartnell won this pre-conference warmup 98 to 88.

Cagers Finally On The Move

Hartnell's cage season is currently in full swing as the charges of Coach Len Wilkins have been pitted already against the finest hoop squads in Northern California.

The relatively small team of mentor Wilkins is 4-4 overall in season play, with wins over San Joaquin-Delta, Moffett Field, Taft and Victor Valley, while dropping hard-fought contests to Modesto, Merced, San Francisco CC and Diablo Valley.

Scrappy play by the Panther team has enabled it to more than make up for the lack of size. Two losses to taller teams have been by one point, while remaining games were

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Panther hoopsters came out short Wednesday night at University of Pacific as the Tiger freshmen ground them down 85 to 68.

Next games: Bethany College tonight at Gavilan, and Shasta College here Saturday night.

attributed to turnovers.

It would apparently be safe to assume that once the Hartnell courtmen get it all together teamwise in play, execution, minimizing mistakes and ironing out other difficulties, Coach Wilkins & Co. can expect a rewarding season.

Winning or not, this season's basketball fanatics can expect to see many thrills and spills by the small but scrappy cage team.

The Hartnell Associated Student Body urges you to patronize the following local merchants:

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Bead World
Berry's Flowers
Brack's Broil Your Own
Der Wienerschnitzel
Globe Theatre (Mon-Wed)
Gorditos (Wed only)
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Modern Coiffures (Wed only)
Peninsula Arts & Crafts
Salinas Auto Stereo
Sanborn Cleaners
Sandy's Earring Tree
Swenson's Ice Cream
Taco Bell
Valley Center Bowl (Mon-Sat)

Discounts to ASB members. Paid for by the Hartnell Associated Student Body.

Attention . . . BIKE RIDERS

Now there is a motorcycle accessory shop specializing in those hard-to-get items:

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